Rehabilitation of Ex-Army men 132. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is ensuring rehabilitation of ex-armymen properly;

(b) if so, the steps being taken in this direction during the last 3 years for the ex-armymen in Assam;

(c) whether Government is considering for recruitment of those retired jawans in the Assam State Police Force; and

(d) the total number of armymen retired in the last 3 years and total number of persons rehabilitated in Assam during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI M.M. PALLAM RAJU): (a) and (b) The rehabilitation of Ex-servicemen (ESM) is an on-going process. Government has also created a separate Department in the Ministry of Defence (Department of Ex-servicemen Welfare) in the year 2004 to look after the welfare and resettlement of ESM. With a view to make the ESM capable of undertaking various jobs, after retirement, training programmes to upgrade the skills of retiring Personnel Below Officer Rank (PBOR) and officers of Armed Forces, are conducted by Training Directorate of Directorate General of Resettlement (DGR). The details of ESMs of Assam who were so employed during the last three years is as below:

	2005	2006	2007
State Government Central Government Private	107	171	1600
Sector Total		67	91
Besides this 2000 ESM have been absorbed	133	31	171
in National Highways Authority of India	307	293	2322
(NHAI) and in the conversion of Broad Gauge lines during the last three years.			

(c) Various states have reservation for ESMs in the State police varying from 10-14%. Recruitment of civil police being a state subject, actual details of intake by the states against the aforesaid reservation is not maintained at present.

(d) State-wise data of retiring armymen is not maintained. However, 3725 Officers retired in the last three years. Number of Junior Commissioned Officers (JCOs) and Other Ranks (ORs) of Assam Regiment who retired in the last 3 years is 1736. Details of ESM who have been rehabilitated in Assam during the last 3 years is as follows:

	Registered	**Rehabilitated**
2005	410	307
2006	338	293
2007	410	2322